

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library July 10, 2016

The July 10, 2016, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Fourteen members were in attendance.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Joyce Foster made her report. The contract printer grossed \$2,078.75 minus expenses of \$914.89. The Friends received \$67.55 from Roanoke Valley Gives plus other donations including a \$1,000.00 donation from someone who missed the Roanoke Valley Gives deadline. Recent spending includes money we appropriated for the Summer Reading Program and \$6,500.00 for the new projector system. We have \$12,985.24 in checking, \$1,753.10 in savings, and 3 CDs.

An announcement was made that the Children's Services Supervisor has resigned because she is moving to Connecticut. Hiring her replacement is in process.

OLD BUSINESS

New library furniture that we heard about earlier is on order. The order includes 3 side tables with outlets, 2 chairs with swing arms, and 8 other chairs.

The new roof authorized by the City is out for design and may be in place by winter.

The new projector system is in place and being used. It includes a cabinet for equipment and was purchased from Lee Hartman. The sound is still being worked on.

The Summer Reading Program includes 403 children, 60 teens, and 73 adults. Attendance has been good.

The Library on the Lawn Program has had good weather for most events. There have been a variety of programs including tie-ins with the Farmers Market. One event was a campout with 50 attendees which ended at 8:00PM.

A storytelling event that was discussed at the March meeting did not work out. Leisa Thompson suggested a storytelling event to tie in with Olde Salem Days. Several concerns were raised. The president will discuss this matter with Leisa following the meeting.

The Board of Directors discussed locating an auditor. Ken asked that anyone who knows someone who might be available let him know.

Charlie Draper mentioned the ending of the Campbells Labels Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Annie reported on the Children's Art Show. The staff made sure that parents who received invitations knew that their children had art in the show. Many people who came thanked us for the event.

The next newsletter will be mailed in late August. The deadline for articles is August 12 and the Book Sale will be the main focus. Helen Robertson suggested continuing articles on new staff and Ken Sosnowski suggested a picture of the staff with names.

Ken talked about the upcoming book sale. The Rotary Club has a new symbol for Olde Salem Days which will be used on maps and other items. Books may be put in the meeting room starting August 1. Troop 352 will move books from storage. Sorting is scheduled to begin on August 22.

The Library staff will hold an in-service the Friday morning of our member sale. Members will be admitted for the sale including members who pay their dues that morning. Members will also be admitted for the social event/luncheon. The Library will open to the public at 1:00 and remain open until 8:00.

2016 Book Sale Schedule

Member Sale – Friday, September 9 from 9:30 to 11:30

Member luncheon – Friday, September 9 from 12:00 to 1:00

Public Sale – Friday, September 9 from 1:00 to 8:00

Olde Salem Days Sale – Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 to 5:00

Clearance Sale – Sunday, September 11 from 1:30 to 4:00

We have books stored in the room next to the room we had been using. Ken has looked into replacement storage with the conditions we need for books and the extra tables we need for the sale. He has found a place with a current rent of \$139.00 per month.

Ken commented on the "Who needs Libraries" item that appeared in The Roanoke Times. We have been impressed by the many responses.

Sara Ahalt moved that we appropriate \$350.00 to help with the social event/luncheon on September 9. Helen Robertson seconded and the motion passed.

There were several comments about having more directional signs for the Sale and a large sign announcing the hours.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary